

REMARKS

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In response to the final office action dated October 23, 2006, claims 1-3, 6, 8-13, 14-16, 19, 21-26 and 27-31 are being amended. This includes the claims 1, 14 and 27 which are independent claims. As such, claims 1-31 are pending. Favorable consideration of the amended claims is requested.

Claim 1 is amended to recite that it is directed to a method for interpreting a knowledge item. This is supported by the present disclosure, for example in the description of the knowledge item engine 124 and the information locator 134, the information processor 136, the knowledge item processor 135 and the meaning processor 136. [Paragraphs 0020-0025]. For example, it is described that the word "apple" can be interpreted to associate with a computer company or with a fruit. [0033-0036].

Claim 1 is also amended to recite "identifying information to be used in interpreting the knowledge item, the information identified as having a predefined relationship with the knowledge item". This is supported for example by the description of the information locator 134. [0024].

Claim 1 is also amended to recite determining at least one meaning of the identified information. This is supported for example by the description of block 210 in Figure 2, where at least one related meaning is determined. [0035].

Claim 1 is also amended to recite determining a plurality of meanings of the knowledge item. This is supported for example by the description of block 206 in Figure 2, where the keyword is processed by the knowledge item processor 135. [0032].

Claim 1 is also amended to recite selecting at least one of the plurality of meanings using the at least one meaning of the identified information. This is supported for example by the description of block 212 in Figure 2, in which the meaning of the keyword is determined by the meaning processor 137. [0036].

Claim 1 is also amended to recite recording the selected at least one of the plurality of meanings as an interpretation of the knowledge item. This is supported for example by the

description of block 214 in Figure 2, where the meaning of the keyword is associated with the keyword and stored. [0044].

Similar amendments are made in independent claim 14, which is a corresponding computer-program product claim, and in independent claim 27, which is a method claim. Corresponding changes are also made in the dependent claims. No new matter is added.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the suggestions regarding claim language made in the office action. [Office Action page 2]. The above amendments have been made along the lines of the suggestions. However, Applicants are not conceding that the claims were deficient.

Claims 1-31 were rejected under § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. This rejection is rendered moot by the above amendments. However, Applicants point out that claim 1 and its dependents are drawn to a method of interpreting a knowledge item. Moreover, the method recites "recording the selected at least one of the plurality of meanings as an interpretation of the knowledge item". Thus, one result accomplished by the method is the recording of such an interpretation. This is useful in that the recorded interpretation can be output for some purpose, or reused to avoid performing another interpretation. It is also tangible and concrete in that it is specifically the "the selected at least one of the plurality of meanings" that is being recorded, as opposed to, say, some other meaning or something that is not a meaning of the knowledge item. Similarly, independent method claim 27 recites outputting of the advertisement. Independent claim 14, moreover, is a computer-readable medium that contains code for recording the selected meaning. Applicants submit that the claims 1-31 as amended qualify as statutory subject matter under § 101. However, Applicants are not conceding that the rejection has merit.

Claims 1-9, 11, 12, 14-22, 24 and 25 were rejected under § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 5,848,396 ("Gerace"). Claims 10, 13, 23 and 26-31 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gerace in view of U.S. 5,878,223 ("Becker"). These rejections are rendered moot by the above amendments. However, Applicants will point to the following differences between the present subject matter and the two references.

The present claim 1 is directed to interpreting a knowledge item. The claim recites identifying information to be used in the interpretation, and the determination of a meaning of such information. Moreover, the claim recites that the knowledge item is determined to have a plurality of meanings, and that at least one of these meanings is selected using the meaning of the identified information. The selected meaning is recorded as an interpretation of the knowledge

item. Applicants submit that Gerace and Becker, alone or in combination, do not disclose or suggest an interpretation method where information is identified to perform the interpretation, and in which at least one of a plurality of meanings is selected using a meaning of the information.

Gerace is directed to method and apparatus for determining behavioral profile of a computer user. Gerace Title. A psychographic profile is formed by recording computer activity and viewing habits of the end user. Gerace Abstract. As such, Gerace does not disclose interpretation of a knowledge item, or selection among several meanings using a meaning of identified information.

The portions of Gerace cited in the office action are not to the contrary. The Examiner cited to searchable categories as allegedly showing a knowledge item. Gerace 22:58-65. But Gerace does not disclose or suggest that the searchable categories are to be interpreted, nor does Gerace record an interpretation of any of them, as would be required by the present claims.

The Examiner cited to a page display as allegedly showing the receipt of related information. Gerace 9:40-51. But the display of the search results is not information to be used in interpreting the searchable categories, nor does it have a predefined relationship with it, as would be required by the present claims.

The Examiner cited to previously accessed information as allegedly showing a related meaning. Gerace 11:13-23. But a directory of numbers that the user has previously accessed is not a meaning that Gerace uses to choose between a plurality of meanings of a knowledge item, nor does it correspond to a meaning of the page display, as would be required by the present claims.

The Examiner cited to information generated when the user logs on as allegedly showing a knowledge item meaning. Gerace 6:46-57. But logon information is not a meaning that Gerace determines among multiple meanings in the interpretation of a knowledge item, nor is the previously accessed information used to determine the logon information, as would be required by the present claims.

Independent claims 14 and 27 have similar language to the portions of claim 1 discussed above. Accordingly, Gerace does not teach or suggest at least the aspects of these independent claims. It therefore cannot be said that Gerace anticipates the amended claims or renders them obvious.

Becker discloses a system and method for predictive caching of information pages. Becker Title. Becker was cited as allegedly showing the establishment of probabilities. As such, the Examiner did not contend that Becker discloses any aspect of the independent claims, and Applicants submit that Becker does not do so. However, Applicants are not conceding that the characterization of Becker in the Office Action is correct.

Favorable consideration of the amended claims 1-31 is requested.

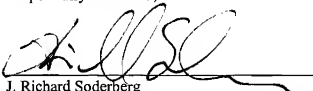
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

Please apply \$1,020 for the Petition for Extension of Time fees and \$790 for the Request for Continued Examination and any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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